

Agenda Item Form

Agenda Date: April 6, 2004

Districts Affected: N/A

Dept. Head/Contact Information: Anthony Shaar, Interim Grant Program Administrator, Community and Human Development, 541-4897

Type of Agenda Item:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing Table Changes | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Appointments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Installment Agreements | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Refunds | <input type="checkbox"/> Donations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RFP/ BID/ Best Value Procurement | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Item Placed by Citizen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Facility Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Bldg. Permits/Inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction of Ordinance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreements | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Lease Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Application |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Letter of Support</u> | | |

Funding Source:

- ☐ General Fund
- ☐ Grant (duration of funds: _____ Months)
- ☒ Other Source: N/A

Legal:

☒ Legal Review Required
Denied

Attorney Assigned (please scroll down): Lee Ann Koehler

☒ Approved ☐

Timeline Priority: ☒ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low # of days: 2

Why is this item necessary:

Authorization is requested for the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the City of Socorro, Texas. The City of Socorro is in the process of completing a grant application for the Owner-Occupied Assistance Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). This program has previously been funded in the City of Socorro through TDHCA and it is needed once again.

Like the City of El Paso, the City of Socorro experiences the same housing issues and affordability problems that are unique to the Texas-Mexico border region. The Owner-Occupied Assistance Program will assist residents of Socorro who are currently unable to access funds to renovate their homes. Similar programs, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, are successfully operating in the City of El Paso and have greatly contributed to improving the housing stock and quality of life of El Paso's citizens.

Explain Costs, including ongoing maintenance and operating expenditures, or Cost Savings:
N/A

Statutory or Citizen Concerns:
None

Departmental Concerns:
None

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign a letter of support for a grant application that the City of Socorro, Texas is submitting to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for the Owner-Occupied Assistance Program.

ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2004.

CITY OF EL PASO

Joe Wardy
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lee Ann B. Koehler
Lee Ann B. Koehler
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Nathalie Prise
Nathalie Prise, Interim Director
Community and Human Development

JOE WARDY
MAYOR



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April 6, 2004

The Honorable Mayor Irma S. Sanchez
City of Socorro
124 South Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, Texas 79927

Dear Honorable Mayor Sanchez:

It has come to my attention that the City of Socorro is in the process of completing a grant application to acquire HOME funds for the Owner-Occupied Assistance Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

On behalf of the City of El Paso, I fully support your efforts to offer this well known state sponsored housing rehabilitation program to the citizens of Socorro. Much of the single family housing stock in the Greater El Paso area is in need of renovation and your proposed project will provide an effective solution to the housing problems of many of your residents.

Quality of life on the border should be at the forefront of civic concern and civic responsibility, so I commend your efforts to provide responsive alternatives to families in the City of Socorro who have been unable to afford suitable housing rehabilitation.

Best wishes to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Joe Wardy
Mayor